

# ALL ABOUT MO-YOUTH ON MISSIONS

## <MO-YOM F.A.Q.'s>

### **What is MO-YOM?**

MO-YOM (or Missouri Youth on Missions) is a ministry designed to expose youth and young adults to the world of foreign missions. MO-YOM is endorsed and promoted by the Missouri District Youth Department of the United Pentecostal Church International. However the program is open to and yearly takes students and young adults from districts across the United States.

### **What is a “YOMer?”**

A “YOMer” is anyone who has ever or is currently participating in a MO-YOM trip.

### **Who can be a YOMer?**

MO-YOM is open to ANY Pentecostal youth and/or young adult from ages 16 to 36 (*some trips open to 15 year olds as well*). All YOMers must complete application process and legal minors must have parental permission. If you love to travel, MO-YOM is for you. If you're interested in missions, MO-YOM is for you. If you've ever desired to go on a missions trip, MO-YOM is definitely for you!

### **Where does MO-YOM go?**

ALL OVER THE WORLD! MO-YOM trips are always conveniently roundtrip in and out of Missouri airports. We go to a different country every year. In 2006 it was Honduras; 2007 was Argentina; 2008 was Great Britain; 2009 was Nicaragua; 2010 was the Dominican Republic; 2011 was Greece, 2012 is Ghana, and from there the possibilities are endless!

### **What do we do while overseas?**

Each trip is unique; from the country itself, to the churches, the missionaries, the attractions and therefore the activities. We attempt to find a good balance between ministry and cultural interaction, touring or sightseeing. You will not be bored!

### **How much are the trips?**

Because each trip is altogether unique, every year the cost varies. Our goal is to have the most incredible trips anywhere, while keeping the cost as affordable as possible. The price is published many months in advance to allow plenty of time to raise the necessary funds.

### **Is food included in the trip cost?**

Some meals will be included, but not all. We will advise you in the months leading up to departure how much to allow yourself for food. It is not frugal to include everyone's food into the trip cost because some eat very little and others eat very much. This gives you the freedom throughout the trip to eat according to your individual appetite.

### **What is included in the trip cost?**

All airfares, ground transportation while on location, a variety of sightseeing, all airport taxes (*in and out of countries*), transfers, all hotels/lodging and some meals. Your spending money and souvenirs are NOT INCLUDED.

## How do I apply?

You can download the application from [www.moyouth.com](http://www.moyouth.com) or [www.mo-yom.com](http://www.mo-yom.com). Fill it out completely and send it in with the down payment of \$350. Your pastor's signature is required and if you're a legal minor, a parent's signature is required as well.

## Are any scholarships available?

Yes, and you may download the application from [www.moyouth.com](http://www.moyouth.com) as well. To be eligible for the scholarship you must also send in a trip application. Scholarship application and trip application are two different forms. Both are available at [www.moyouth.com](http://www.moyouth.com) on the Youth On Missions page.

## How long are the trips?

Trips are usually between 8 and 10 days roundtrip.

## Who are the chaperones?

Reverend Luke Levine (MO-YOM coordinator) and his wife Amy oversee all trips. They are also accompanied and assisted by other ministry couples and chaperones including those from the Missouri District Youth Team.

## What about the coordinator?

Luke Levine has traveled in full-time ministry for nearly 11 years. In that 11 years, he has traveled to 45 of the 50 United States. He has also traveled, ministered in and led groups to 20 different countries around the world and counting. Many of these countries he has traveled to multiple times averaging about 4 trips a year. He is ordained with the UPCI and works in connection with the Foreign Missions division as a "Missions Evangelist."

## What about a passport?

You DO NOT have to have a passport to APPLY for a trip, however you MUST obtain one BEFORE YOU DEPART on that trip. You are responsible for obtaining your own passport. There are helpful links to assist you in applying at [www.moyouth.com](http://www.moyouth.com).

## Where do I send my application?

MO-YOM; PO Box 1004; Imperial, MO 63052

## How will I know if I'm accepted?

You will be notified on or before that years application deadline.

## Who do you accept?

Applications are accepted on a 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> serve basis. Each application that comes to our office WITH a down payment is date stamped and entered into the computer. Applicants are ranked in that order. If you apply without a down payment your application will be held. It WILL NOT be ranked until a down payment reaches our office.

## What if I apply with down payment but the trip is full?

If you apply and the trip is full, you will be automatically placed on our waiting list in order of the date your application was received. You will be notified of your status on the waiting list.

## How does the "Waiting List" work?

If your application is received after all spots are filled, then you will be placed on a waiting list prioritized by the date your application was received. You WILL BE notified that you are on the waiting list. At this point you have 2 options:

- Option 1)** Stay on the waiting list. Keep preparing for the trip & wait for a spot to open up. We keep your application & down payment. If a spot does not open, you are refunded ALL monies you've sent in.

**Option 2)** Request a refund. All monies will be refunded and your application will be removed from any consideration for travel.

Understand that generally in any group trip such as MO-YOM there will be a few people drop out in the months/weeks leading up to the trip. Others may not make final payment by the deadline. When this happens we take the 1<sup>st</sup> name on the waiting list and put them on the active travelers list. If you are on the waiting list, you still have a good chance of going on that MO-YOM trip. We advise you to continue preparing for the trip as if you were on the active list.

## **What if I apply and my application is rejected?**

If your application is rejected you will be fully refunded your down payment.

## **Is my down payment refundable?**

If you are accepted on the trip and later cancel, your down payment IS NOT refundable. If your application is rejected, your down payment IS refundable. If you are on the waiting list and no space opens for you, your down payment IS refundable.

## **How many YOMers can go each year?**

Each year is different based on where we are going, hotels, transportation, etc. Generally the group is between 20 and 50 YOMers.

## **Do you only accept applicants from Missouri?**

No. Each year we have travelers from surrounding states and across the U.S. If applications are received near the same time, Missouri applicants will be given priority. So get your application in ASAP.

## **Do I need any shots?**

If there are any shots REQUIRED for a particular country, you will be notified by letters you'll receive in the months before the trip. We always recommend you check with your doctor before travel to see what he/she recommends for you personally, whether any shots are required or not.

## **What about American money?**

Each country will use a different currency. You will be advised how much spending money to bring and we will exchange it on location for the local currency.

If you have any further questions, email Luke Levine @ [llevine@moyouth.com](mailto:llevine@moyouth.com) or [lukedlevine@gmail.com](mailto:lukedlevine@gmail.com)

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